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- 150 good wear resisting suits in blue, black, grey or plaids, usually sold at \$8, bargain sale price . . . \$4 98
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Men's pants, and thousands of them at the greatest values during this bargain sale.
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- 75 cent value, bargain sale price . . . 49 cents
- \$1.00 value, bargain sale price . . . 73 cents
- \$1.50 value, bargain sale price . . . 98 cents
- Men's fine wool hose, regular 15c value . . . 9 cents
- Men's fine laundered white shirts, 75c values . . . 49 cents

Also remember us for your Holiday Goods, as we have a very fine selection of neckwear, suspenders, gloves, handkerchiefs, etc.

VISIT THE NEW STORE. WE ARE THE

BANNER CLOTHING CO.,

LIMA HOUSE CORNER.

RECOGNIZED HER SON.

Joy Mingled With Sorrow In the McKinley Home.

AGED LADY STILL ALIVE.

Mother McKinley Tenaciously Clings to Life, Though by a Very Slender Cord, While the President Keeps Vigil.

Canton, O., Dec 8.—Once more the children of Nancy Allison McKinley gathered about her couch and the reunion was complete. The president and Mrs. McKinley arrived to find the aged mother still living.
In the midst of the deep sorrow of the family there is a feeling of joy that the president was permitted to reach his mother's bedside before the inevitable dissolution came, and that the mother might again realize his presence and he know that he had been recognized. These hopes have been granted them, and they now patiently and resignedly await the end.
The president and Mrs. McKinley, together with other relatives from the east came early in the morning, the latter part of the journey being made in a special train. They were taken to the homestead as rapidly as possible and as they entered the sickroom the dying woman rallied and for a moment plainly evidenced her recognition of her son and others about her.
The president remained almost constantly at the bedside since his arrival and kept night's vigil, relieving others of the children who have been so constantly at the bedside. He remained close to the house all day going out only for a little air and exercise taking a walk near the house.
At 11 50 p. m. Mother McKinley was still resting easily. Dr. Phillips, at his last visit reported that he was resting easier than at any time during the day, and the president was glad to hear this.

Plate Glass Factory Closed.
Edward Ind. Dec 8.—The plate glass factory here employing 800 hands, closed because of the refusal of the polishers to accept the change to payment by piecework instead of by the week.

Received Quietly.
Berlin, Dec 8.—President McKinley's message to congress has been received quietly here. Its conservatism is praised.

An Explorer Menored.
Berlin, Dec 8.—Herr Otto Finsch, the explorer, has been appointed professor of ornithology at Leyden university.

SERIOUSLY BURNED

While Playing With Some Burning Shavings.

The Little Four Year Old Child of Mr. and Mrs. John Moyler in a Precarious Condition.

The little four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Moyler, of Holly street, was seriously burned yesterday evening. The little girl, with three other small children, was playing in the yard in the rear of the house. They had set fire to some shavings and the little girl gathered up a bunch of the burning pieces of wood. The flames communicated to her clothing and almost instantly she was enveloped in flames.
Her cries attracted the attention of her mother and a neighbor woman who rushed to the little one's rescue. The flames were extinguished, but not before the child had been partially burned.

Dr. Weadock was called and did all that could be done to relieve the child from its sufferings. How seriously she was burned could not be told. To-day she is resting as easily as could be expected.

INSTALLATION

Of Officers-elect by the Eastern Stars This Evening

The Eastern Stars will hold their installation of officers-elect this evening. The exercises will be witnessed by only members of the order and their brother Masons. After the installation the ladies will serve a banquet in the banquet hall adjacent to the lodge room. An interesting entertainment is anticipated.

National Union.

The regular session of the Ottawa Council takes place at 7 o'clock this evening in the Donohoe block. A large attendance is desired, as very important business will be transacted.

Get your clothes cleaned and repaired at O. H. Keifer's, 125 E. Wayne St. who is in

GRAND SUCCESS

Was the Concert Given by Prof. Adams at Delphos.

A Series of Piano Recitals to be Given by the Musical Department of Lima College

The night school is moving on pleasantly and prosperously, with a fair attendance.

Among the new students who have entered the college this week are J. W. Douglas, of Bath township, and D. W. Kinsely, of Lima.

Prof. H. B. Adams, with a number of his students, will give the first of a series of ten piano recitals at the college building next Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. All lovers of music are cordially invited.

The meeting of the U. L. S. Friday evening in the college chapel was well attended and an interesting programme was rendered, every number of which was up to the society's usual standard of literary excellence.

The concert given by Prof. Adams in the Presbyterian church in Delphos, last Friday evening, was a feast of rare music that delighted the large and enthusiastic audience. The *Courant* says: "It was complete in every way and a grand success, being one of the most delightful entertainments ever given in our city, every part of it bringing out instant and hearty applause." The *Herald* praises it equally high, saying among many other expressions of commendation: "It was a perfect rendition of song. Scarcely has any music-loving audience been given so rare a treat. Perfection was displayed throughout the entire programme." Prof. Adams has accepted an invitation from president Lewis, of Moore's Hill College, near Cincinnati, to give a musical recital there in January.

The Columbian Literary Society has arranged the following special programme for next Friday evening, December 10th:

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| Musical | Miss Bagg |
| Reading | Miss Sanford |
| Vocal Solo | Mrs. Adams |
| Essay | Mr. Shook |
| Recitation | Misses Rhimer and Moore |
| Plano Solo | Mr. Taylor |
| Plano Solo | Miss Lehmann |
| Plano Solo | Miss Robinson |
| Plano Solo | Miss Lehmann and Mrs. Adams |

This session of the society will be a meeting of musical interest, and as usual will be absolutely free, all friends of education in general and Lima College in particular being cordially invited.

A Beautiful China Display.

D. M. Guleserian, direct from Armenia, has on display at E. E. Halter's, 211 north Main street, a beautiful line of oriental china and jewelry. He would be pleased to have the public call and look over these beautiful foreign designs. 53t

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ALFONSO SOLD

Along With Several Other Lima Stock Farm Animals

Alfonso, the Pride of the Lot, Goes to Montana.

A telegram from Chicago mentioning the Splin & Newgas winter sale says: "The winter sale of track and road horses by Splin & Newgas opened with a good attendance of practical buyers and fine weather. The star of the sale was the black stallion Alfonso (2:24), 11 years old, by Baron Wilkes—Alma Mater by Mambrino Patchen, price \$2,250, bought by O. X. Larabee, Deer Lodge, Mont. Twenty-three of the lot of Alfonso averaged 2:47. The next best sale was the chestnut gelding Ackerman (2:13) 5 years, by Marlock—Mt Lady, to William Webb, of Germantown, Penn., for \$1,025. The bay mare Thelma (2:28), the black gelding Black Dick (2:24), Tom Martin, b. g. (2:22), Lillian Sidney (2:14) and Ornament (2:24), all sold for over \$600, and several others sold up to \$400 and \$500. Practical judges of speed reckoned prices rather strong, when it is taken into account that the speeders will have to be carried until summer before they commence earning their oats."
Lillian Sidney, mentioned in the above telegram as being one of the several that sold for over \$600 each, was the handsome bay mare belonging to passenger engineer Charles Nutting, of the L. E. & W. She brought \$750, and Fresno, also Mr. Nutting's, sold for \$400.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Who They Are, Where They Have Been and Are Going.
J. B. Stevens is in Toledo.
Thomas McLaughlin is in Toledo.
James Lynch, of Findlay, is in the city.
S. S. Wheeler went to Toledo this morning.
F. E. Borges was in Cincinnati yesterday.
Mrs. Eliza Albright is visiting in Cincinnati.
E. O. Finley is in Kenton this afternoon.
J. W. Van Dyke went to Detroit this morning.
Walter Finley went to Wapakoneta this afternoon.
J. B. Anderson is in Jamestown, Ohio, on business.
Mrs. Mahaffey, of Lafayette, was in the city to day.
Mrs. John Hoover went to Cincinnati this morning.
J. C. Winans, of Toledo, was in the city last evening.
O. F. Snyder, of Piqua, is registered at the Cambridge.
Mrs. Ward returned yesterday afternoon from a visit in Lima—Chris. Kemmer, an insurance agent of Lima,



was in the city to-day.—Delphos Herald.

H. P. Williamson was in Wapakoneta last evening.

Harry Moulton went to Toledo this morning on business.

Harry Harper, of Ottawa, was in the city last evening.

Judge Linderman, of Delphos was in the city to-day.

J. Hartman left this morning for Port Huron, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Roehm have returned from their wedding trip.

"Skid" Blackman returned this morning to North Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Lawrence left yesterday for Salina, Kansas.

Secretary Pawley, of the Y. M. C. A., went to Findlay this morning.

Mr. L. M. Fitch, of Rome, New York, was in the city last evening.

Ira Longworth left for Somerset, Ky., this afternoon on legal business.

E. M. Kuntz, of the Lake Erie house, left to-day for the Peru, Ind., oil field.

Dr. Ward has returned home after a few days absence from the city on professional business.

Mrs. C. Glock returned last evening from a visit with her daughters in Lima.—Kenton News.

Mrs. D. E. Cook, of west High street, went to Wapakoneta this afternoon to visit friends for a few days.

H. Gould and wife left this morning for Windsor, Vermont, to attend his sister's golden wedding anniversary.

Thos. Ryan, Jr., has returned after a trip to the banks of Newfoundland. Tom was successful during his absence from Lima in rearing a full crop of fine red whiskers.

Miss Lucy Riley, of south Main street, who accompanied by her sister, Mrs. J. E. Quinn, of Chicago, has been visiting friends in Lafayette, Ind., returned this afternoon.

See those fine MAHOGANY INLAID TABLES at \$1.88, \$2.68 and \$3.98. You never saw anything like them for twice the price. Only a few will be sold at the prices named. F. E. HARMAN.

The Murray Comedy Co will present the holder of the lucky number with \$25 in gold at the opera house next Saturday night.

Suits made to order from \$13 up by O. H. Keifer, 125 E. Wayne St. who is in

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An early selection from a Holiday stock always proves the best and most satisfactory. Don't wait until the last day or hour and be obliged to choose hurriedly from a "picked over" stock. No matter how much better you think you are going to do by buying your Christmas Presents somewhere else, DON'T let go of your money until you have seen our goods and learned our prices.

Goods may be purchased now and we will store them away for you until the day before Christmas.

The Economy Basement

Is filled from one end to the other with the choicest selection of

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And hundreds of other interesting articles to gladden the hearts of both old and young.

Our Holiday stock gives you new ideas. It is easy to select from supplies exactly what you want

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THE UNION

Lima's Fastest Growing Most Progressive Store

Offers the most remarkable Holiday Inducements ever heard of. Prices sacrificed for room.

If you intend to spend any money for Christmas Presents for Men or Boys, do not fail to look through our vast stock—our prices are self-evident; we will save you money.

Look out for the announcement of the opening of our Shoe Department. Meanwhile, to make much needed room, we shall sacrifice prices to gain our end.

TURNED OUT OF JAIL.

An Autocratic Crook Again Breathes Free Air.

COURT JUGGLES WITH CASE.

Ex-Auditor Moore of Nebraska, Who Robbed the State of Many Thousands of Dollars, Has Been Turned Loose.

Lima, Neb., Dec. 8.—Ex-Auditor Eugene Moore, convicted of embezzlement and under sentence of eight years in the penitentiary, was released from the county jail pending the hearing of his case in the upper court on an order from the supreme court, which approved his bail bond. Moore is broken in health.

The court overruled the motion for a reversal of the 30-year sentence of ex-Treasurer Barclay. Argument in the case was postponed for two weeks. The motion was made on the ground that the attorney general had repeatedly failed to file his intervening plea. It was brought to the court's attention that the answer had since been filed.

Directors Elected. Youngstown, O., Dec. 8.—The stockholders of the Cleveland, Pittsburg

and Toledo Railroad company held their annual meeting here. The directors elected were Orlando Smith of Cincinnati, John K. Cowan of Baltimore, John T. Terry of New York, Thomas M. King of Philadelphia, Henry W. Oliver of Allegheny City, David Lee of Zanesville, Joseph Chapman of Painesville. The directors elected Orlando Smith president, and Major J. W. Washington of Pittsburg secretary, treasurer and auditor.

Demented Woman Missing. Atlantic City, Dec. 8.—Miss Maggie Kirkpatrick of Philadelphia, who was a guest at a local cottage, is missing. She is said to have about \$30,000 in government bonds on her person, which she persisted in carrying around with her because she does not trust banks. The woman has a strong belief that the Freemasons and the Hebrews are trying to "hoodoo" her. She has been missing since Saturday.

China Ready to Settle. Shanghai, Dec. 8.—China is willing to pay Germany 1,000,000 taels (about \$781,250) and grant all the German demands, including the cession of Kiaochow bay and adjoining territory.

Some Prisoners Released. Havana, Dec. 8.—Captain General Blanco, the governor general, signed a decree releasing 41 persons who have been imprisoned on charges of complicity in the insurgent movement.

Struck a Fishing Vessel. Queenstown, Dec. 8.—The British steamer Catalina, Captain Stephens, from Boston Nov. 27 for Liverpool, in thick weather off Kinsale head at daybreak, collided with the Guiney Fishing smack Hazard. The blow was a smashing one and carried away the smack's mainmast at the cross-stress and her cathead stanchions and compass and almost capsize the vessel.

Just the Thing for Spain. Madrid, Dec. 8.—The cabinet considered the dispatches from Senor de Lome Spanish minister at Washington, containing extracts from President McKinley's message to congress. The ministers agreed in considering the message generally favorable to Spanish interests. Its tone has produced a good effect in official circles.

Torpedo Magazine Explodes. Bowling Green, O., Dec. 8.—The American Torpedo company's magazine exploded, killing Dan Levan.

Crushed by a Tree. Upper Sandusky, O., Dec. 8.—Jacob Arter was crushed to death by a tree which he had chopped down.

Killed by a Horse. Killbuck, O., Dec. 8.—Lambert Clow was kicked and instantly killed by a horse.

Flooded With Counterfeits. Dayton, O., Dec. 8.—This city has been flooded with counterfeit \$2 bills.

PLEISCHMANN'S STUD. Thoroughbreds shipped to Europe to prepare for races.

New York, Dec. 8.—Among the more than 700 horses from workers to thoroughbreds, which left this port recently for Europe, there was one shipment which, in many of its features, was the most notable that has gone from this country. Briefly, it was the removal of Charles Fleischmann's breeding stud from New Jersey to Austria. All told, there were 32 head, exclusive of the foals at foot which went with their dams, most of the stock being broodmares. Mr. Fleischmann should have next year a large and promising band of youngsters for entry in the many rich but strictly European stakes.

Cutting Down the Force. Philadelphia, Dec. 8.—Superintendent Kretz notified 42 employees of the United States mint that their services would not be required after Dec. 15. The men dismissed were employed in the coining, refining and melting departments. The dismissals were the result of Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Vanderlip's recent investigation here and the desire of the treasury department to save about \$40,000 annually in the expenses of the mint.

Dealt in Gold Bricks. Cleveland, Dec. 8.—Samuel Jacobs, a Cleveland liquor dealer, was arrested on a grand larceny indictment found

in New York. He is charged with being implicated in a gold brick swindle whereby M. Bernstein of Cleveland was relieved of \$12,000 in New York a few weeks ago. Jacobs introduced Bernstein to the two men who did the job.

Sale of Cattle. Cleveland, Dec. 8.—A sale of Holstein-Friesian cattle from the farm of W. J. Hayes at Ravenna, O., began at Fasig's Exchange in Glenville. Buyers were present from all parts of the country. Fifty-seven head were sold for \$4,805, or an average of a little more than \$84. Six calves also sold for \$172, an average of \$28.

Schultz Hanged. Milford, Pa., Dec. 8.—Herman Paul Schultz, who murdered his wife on Sept. 21, 1896, was hanged in the county jail here. The drop fell at 11:18, and Schultz was pronounced dead 12 minutes later. The condemned man read a brief paper, in which he protested his innocence.

Criminal Assault Charged. Athens, O., Dec. 8.—Warren Border is charged with criminally assaulting Lydia Jenkins, an inmate of the insane asylum.

United States Court Convened. Columbus, O., Dec. 8.—The December term of the United States court is in session here, with Judge Sage presiding.

Scrofula

Makes life misery to thousands of people. It manifests itself in many different ways, like goitre, swellings, running sores, boils, salt rheum and pimples and other eruptions. It attacks a man wholly free from it, in some form. It clings tenaciously until the last vestige of scrofulous poison is eradicated by Hood's Sarsaparilla, the

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Hood's Pills are the best after-dinner pills, aid digestion, etc.

The fat undertaker, who plums by the acre, poor victims of cough and cold, is sighing and crying, for we're all stopped, since Brazilian Balm was sold. And for those who desire Not just yet to go higher. It is worth its weight in gold.

CHRISTMAS WILL SOON BE HERE!

NOW COMES THE VITAL QUESTION!

To-day, in the shadow of the approaching festivities, we desire to speak to the ladies of Lima and vicinity. This is the time when we must reach the men through the fair sex. They are puzzled for suitable presents and we feel it our duty to come to the rescue. WHAT SHALL IT BE? We name below, dear madam, hardly a tithe of the many gifts to be found in our modern outfitting establishment. OUR WORD FOR IT that qualities and prices are MOST SATISFACTORY—we leave the rest with you.

Our Men's Furnishing Department.

Our Furnishing Goods Department furnishes innumerable suggestions for Holiday Presents, such as

Neckwear, Mufflers, Linen Handkerchiefs, Silk Handkerchiefs, Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, Silk Initial Handkerchiefs, Underwear, Kid Gloves, Lined Kid Gloves, Lined Kid Mocha Gloves, Kid Mitts, Fur Topped Kid Gloves, Silk Suspenders, Satin Suspenders, Linen Collars, Linen Cuffs, Bath Robes, Night Robes, Fine Sateen Night Robes, A full line of Gents' Jewelry.



Smoking Jackets, Dressing Gowns and Bath Robes

In Velvet, Tricots and every imaginable fabric which they are made from.

Our Men's Clothing Department.

Frock Suits, Sack Suits, Overcoats, Ulsters, Pants, Reefer Coats and Vests, Mackintoshes with capes and without capes.

Children's Clothing Department.

Reefer Suits, Junior Suits, Reefer Coats, Vestee Suits, Double Breasted Suits, Sack Overcoats, Ulsters, Cape Overcoats, Velvet Suits, Kilt Suits and Jersey Suits.

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WHY THE DINGLEY BILL HAS FAILED.

The tariff-makers are still busily engaged in explaining the failure of the Dingley act as a revenue measure; but their explanations elude the main fact in the question. In one important respect the Wilson tariff bill was based on the same false premises that are so manifest in the successor. When reducing duties in the tariff of 1894 it was assumed that by encouraging importations the revenue would be greatly increased. But the mistake in this calculation was in not taking into account the fact that many foreign manufactures upon which duties were reduced, and which formerly yielded considerable revenue, were then disappearing from this market.

Instead of importing these goods in anything like the accustomed quantities, American merchants were sending American goods of the same description to nearly all quarters of the globe. This great change in the currents of trade, which had been progressing for a long period, assumed accelerated force during the three years of the operation of the Wilson tariff. While manufacturers were pouring out of the country in an ever increasing tide the imports of manufactures declined. As a consequence of the movement calculations of increased revenue from reduced duties on manufactured imports were disappointed; but the disappointment was by no means as great as has been that which has attended the Dingley tariff in regard to revenue.

With the advantage of experience concerning the revolution in trade the framers of the Dingley tariff made the same mistake in the opposite direction. The Wilson tariff reduced duties on manufactured imports in order to obtain more revenue from an increased consumption; the Dingley tariff raised the duties on the same goods, in many instances above the McKinley rates, with the ostensible design of obtaining still greater revenue from much the smaller volume of importations. After having carved up the duties

in all the schedules of imports the members of the house committee on ways and means complacently whipped out their lead pencils and calculated to a nicety how much more revenue would be yielded by the process. It was as easy as a sum in the rule of three. One of the most curious examples of this process was in the estimate of large revenue from raw wool, on the assumption that the importations would be as large under the exorbitant duties as they were when wool was free.

Having deliberately closed their eyes to the great movement in trade, which showed that American manufactures had passed out of the infant stage and were in no need of protection, the Dingleyites, naturally enough, have fallen into another mistake. They insist that the large importations while the Dingley tariff was pending were made to evade the high duties, and that when these goods shall have been consumed the import trade will resume its former channel and bring a large revenue to the treasury. The truth is that many of these importations were made not to evade the Dingley duties, but to speculate on the Dingley duties. Had there been no threatened change of the tariff these goods for the most part would have remained abroad. The proof of this was the decline in these importations under the low Wilson tariff. Hence the expectations of largely increased revenues from imports of manufactures were in great degree illusory.

The conclusion is that the days for large revenues from imports of manufactures are over in this country. The current has set in the opposite direction. Revenues to meet the increasing expenditures of the government must be drawn from other sources than a protective tariff. Had the Wilson act courageously imposed fiscal duties on tea and coffee and on other articles of voluntary use, in accordance with Democratic policy, the Republicans would no more have repeated them in the extra session of the fifty-fifth congress than they repeated the duty on sugar. And there would have been no embarrassment to the government from a deficiency of revenue.—Philadelphia Record.

A SURPRISE

Tendered Mrs. Anders, of west Wayne Street, by Her Friends and Neighbors.

Mrs. Anders, of west Wayne street, was greatly surprised by a large number of her friends and neighbors. Yesterday was the anniversary of her birthday, and her friends took advantage of the occasion. Early in the evening they appeared at her home with baskets laden with good things to eat. An elaborate supper was served, after which the evening was spent in a most delightful manner until a late hour, when Mrs. Anders' friends left, wishing her many more returns of the anniversary.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Held Last Night in Lima Council R and S. M.

Lima Council No. 20, R. & S. M., held its annual election last night, at which time the following roster of officers was chosen: D. B. J. Roush, Th. Ill. M.; Geo. W. Snyder, deputy; Gus Kalb, P. C. W.; Frank Ashton, treasurer; E. H. Johns, recorder; H. C. Ruff, O. G.; W. J. Shepherd, C. O.; Neils Nelson, steward; J. W. Crum, guard; G. E. Bluem, director Masonic Hall Co. Installation of officers will be held on Tuesday evening, January 4.

Christmas Presents

for papa, mama, sister, brother, aunt, cousin or nearest friend can be found at the Lima Tea Co. Handsome pieces in China and Japanese ware. Our porcelain fancy plate at a quarter, is a beauty; our china cup and saucer at a quarter, hard to beat. We are giving this cup and saucer with a pound of tea or baking powder until January 1st, only. Good 5c 8-2

Have You Lima Tea Co's Tickets?

It is our purpose to care for our regular customers first. If you expect a premium for your tickets before Christmas bring them in before the 20th. Always bring your tickets with you. If we have something you want and you have not tickets enough you can pay the difference in cash. Good 5c 8-2

Are You Looking

for a Xmas present? Don't fail to visit our store. We are selling out and can save you money and give you what you want. NEWSON, DEAKIN & CO. Mrs. E. E. Rogers, for Holiday flowers. 36-13c

THE ENTIRE CREW

Released From Service for the Tecumseh Wreck.

A BULLETIN WAS POSTED,

And it is Alleged That Failure to Observe the Order Resulted in the Collision—Other Railroad News of General Interest.

Engineer Michael Ennis, fireman Hatfield, brakemen Martin, O'Connell and Hendrickson and conductor Bartholomew, who were in charge of the freight train which collided with the rear end of another train at the gravel pits near Tecumseh last Saturday evening, have been released from the service of that company. It is claimed that a bulletin was posted instructing trainmen to proceed with care and with trains under control at this point, and that the accident resulted from a failure to observe this order. It is also claimed that there were no "markers" on the cabooses of the train that was struck, but this did not excuse the crew of the second train.

FIRE AND STOCK BLANKS.

L. E. & W. engineers have been furnished with blanks that are to be used to notify section men whenever there is stock at large or fire burning on the right of way of the company. According to a bulletin issued, the engineers will keep the blanks handy and whenever they discover fire or stock along the right of way they will fill out a blank announcing the discovery and then throw the communication off the first section gang that is passed. The section men will then attend to the matter immediately, and relieve all danger of fence being destroyed by fire or stock being killed by later trains.

FELL OFF HIS ENGINE.

While taking water at Dixon, night before last, P. F. W. & O. fireman Q. S. Andrews fell off the tank and received injuries which will lay him up for a few days. He was able, with the assistance of the brakeman, to perform the duties of his position until the train arrived at Ft. Wayne, but yesterday was too sore to leave his home.

ONLY TWO YEARS MORE.

Last week representatives of most all the railroads in the United States appeared before the interstate commerce commission and unanimously requested that the time for equipping their cars with air brakes and automatic couplers be extended five years from the first of next January. The representatives of the employees of the railroads asked that an extension of but one year be granted. The commission has decided to grant an extension of but two years. This is a victory for the employees. Under the ruling of the commission all the roads will have to have all cars equipped with the safety appliances by January 1, 1909. This will entail a heavy expenditure within the next two years by those roads that have let the five years since the law was first enacted slip by and have equipped but few cars. Some roads, running as many as 24,000 cars, have not 10 per cent. of them equipped with the safety devices.

NOTES.

New steel rails are being distributed from Tecumseh for the D. T. & M. track. Thirteen engines were counted at one time last week on the D. T. & M. and D. & L. N. tracks at Tecumseh.—Adrian Times.

TERRIBLE SLAUGHTER.

There'll be no Quail Left in the County After To-day.

Policeman Seeds has divested himself of brass buttons and club and, like Tuppman of old Pickwick fame, is satisfying a deep longing of the soul by skinning around cotton wood stumps, tripping up tufts of wild briar, stumbling into brush heaps, keeping a lookout for the denizens of the wood from the timid fence mouse to the cawing crow. Perry is an old time wing shot and won't return with an empty bag if he has to stay out for a week.

Notice.

The W. R. O. ladies will please bring their donations to Memorial Hall to-morrow. This is the last call. We must send the box this week to the Soldiers' Home at Sandusky, Ohio. We will also make cushions and headrests and a full attendance is desired. CHAIRMAN EX. COM.

The Best Whiskey

for medicinal purposes and family use for sale by D. F. McCarthy, corner Pearl and Jackson streets. m w f 11 17 1m

The Standard Designers for January

Are now here. Price 10 cts per copy or 85 cents per year. Feltz Bros. & Co., agents. 6-24

Treat's

umbrellas for Xmas are selling. Buy now. 2 cts

OIL AND GAS.

GURNER ON THE ALVA BREESSE. The Ohio Oil Co.'s Alva Breesse No. 1, in the Shawnee pool, reached a depth of sixteen feet in the sand at 2 o'clock this morning. Up to 10 a. m. it had made three nice flows over the derrick.

Quite a Loss.

Hoover Bros' horse, whose sickness St. Marys, while delivering goods Oelina, was mentioned in these news yesterday, died last night. He team was valued at \$300, and the loss is heavy, coming as it does in the holiday rush.

GREATLY EXCITED

Was a Guest Who was Locked in His Room at a Hotel.

He Attracted the Attention of People on the Street, as He Excitedly Called to be Released.

This morning a person passing the Burnet House on North street, was surprised to see a stranger with his head out of the third story window, wildly waving his hands and calling for some one to go to the hotel clerk in the office, and tell him to go up stairs to the room which the guest occupied. It was thought at first that the stranger was delirious, but investigation disclosed the fact that the man was imprisoned in his room. He could not open the door on account of the lock refusing to work. The fellow was finally released, and rushed for a C. H. & D. train which was about to leave and which he wished to take.

LADY MACCABEES

Of Allen Hive No. 187 Elected Officers Yesterday Afternoon.

At a meeting of Allen Hive No. 187, Ladies of the Maccabees, yesterday, the following officers were elected:

Past commander, Mrs. Sophrona Sheets; commander, Mrs. Minnie Huber; lieutenant commander, Mrs. Katy Shelley; record keeper, Mrs. Rosa Thompson; finance keeper, Mrs. Martha E. Hook; chaplain, Mrs. Julia Arthur; sergeant, Mrs. Emma Dismann; mistress at arms, Mrs. Lizzie Metzger; sentinel, Mrs. Mary Reis; picket, Mrs. Rosa Davis; pianist, Miss Florence Wheeler.

CASTORIA.

The confidence of the people in Hood's Sarsaparilla is due to its unequalled record of wonderful cures.

THE LARGEST and finest stock of Cut Glass in Lima at F. E. Harman's. See our special display today. It

\$25 in Gold

will be given to the holder of the lucky number by the Murray Company Saturday night.

Go to Shutt's markets for fresh

hams, only 7 cents a pound. 5-24

Feist & Harper for Coal.

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G. E. BLUEM. 57 PUBLIC SQUARE. G. E. BLUEM.

DRESS GOODS AND CLOAKS

—FOR THE—

HOLIDAYS.

A nice Dress Pattern in black or colored, put up in a neat box, would make a very handy Christmas Gift.

DRESS PATTERNS FOR \$1.50.
DRESS PATTERNS FOR \$5.25.
DRESS PATTERNS FOR \$7.00.
DRESS PATTERNS FOR \$8.75.

Which are all good bargains. Gentlemen, you will do well to buy your wife one of these choice Dress Patterns. It will please her.

Cloaks, Nobby Jackets, Fur Collarettes and Man's Antikoshes.

All for the Holiday Trade. Buy them now and avoid the great rush which is always found at this store around the holidays.

G. E. BLU SEM. 57 PUBLIC SQUARE. JARE.

The Dry Goods, Dress Goods and Cloak House.

TO-MORROW
Gorham Manufacturing Co.,
Sterling Silver Tea Spoons
48 cts. Each
These sales are conducted to enable us to learn the circulation of the two papers we use. Out this ad out. It is good for 10 cents on any other purchase to-morrow.
A sterling silver thimble drew quite a crowd. Did you get one?
On to-morrow's sale expect More Than Ever Before and You Will Not Be Disappointed.
Sterling Tea Spoon
Gorham Mfg. Co.
48 cents.
MACDONALD & CO.
147 North Main Street.

.. A Cinch..
No Louisiana Lottery
\$1.99
Anybody having 199 cents can buy a pair of Ladies' Fine Hand Turned or Extension Soled Shoes, well worth \$3.00, in lace or button, cloth or leather uppers, made up in all the new toes and new lasts. Buy a pair while they last.

MICHAEL'S
Household Goods and Pianos
Moved in the most careful manner
Storage of all kinds solicited by City Storage House. Call new phone. 1315 E. STICKNEY, Proprietor.
Jackets. Every Jacket in our house can now be bought at reduced prices. See our black jacket at \$4.75. TRWAT'S, 209 North Main
Standard brand of oysters always fresh. 25c per qt. H. S. Tidd, 208 East North street. 3-24

G. E. BLU SEM.
57 PUBLIC SQUARE. JARE.
The Dry Goods, Dress Goods and Cloak House.

Pictures Framed

To Order for Less
Than Half Price.

We still have a large quantity of choice Pic-Mouldings on hand, and as we are anxious to get out of the picture frame business, we will sell our entire stock on hand at less than

ONE-HALF PRICE.

The opportunity is here presented to you to have your Xmas Pictures framed in the finest way for the same money as cheap frames would cost you at any other store in Lima.

Black Dress Goods Bargains

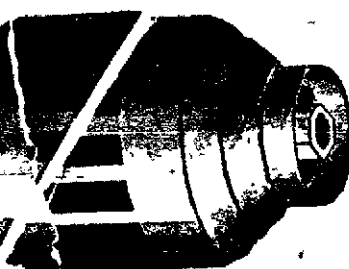
We have just received a large consignment of BLACK MOHAIR DRESS GOODS, plain and figured. These goods were manufactured and imported to sell at \$1.00 per yard.

Our Price on this Lot
Fifty cents a yard.

How we came to buy these goods at such a price would be too long a story to tell, but we stake our reputation, however, that you can buy as good goods at 75 cents per yard in no other store in Lima.

ARROLL & COONEY

Meat Slaughter



Two pairs of Ladies' Fine Kid Shoes, sizes 2 1/2 to 3 1/2, which are worth \$4.00 per pair, will be sold at

75c per Pair
This Week.

Large quantities of Fine Fashionable shoes for Men, Ladies and Children at Sacrifice Prices. For real gains come to the

UB SHOE STORE,

135 NORTH MAIN STREET

Two pairs Ladies' Shoes go at 50c

Van De Grift's

PHOTOGRAPH GALLERY

You can get the latest style mountings and the best work. Photographs are always an acceptable Christmas present to your friends. 56 1/2 Public Square

WANTED

WANTED—Girls for dressmaking. Experienced or inexperienced. Room 638, Harper block.
FOR RENT—A room house opposite the P. O., on Elk street. Inquire, J. H. Stenber.
FOR RENT—A modern 11 room house on West Market street at a very low price. Inquire, JOHN H. FRANKLIN.
FOR RENT—Modern dwelling corner Wayne and Main streets. Inquire of W. Mowen, 10 Holland block.

LOST—A pocketbook containing money and checks, east of Main, between Circular and Jackson streets. A liberal reward will be paid for the same at this office.
\$5.00 REWARD For any information leading to the arrest of any of the boys who raided the Chicago Candy Kitchen located in the Y. M. C. A. building Monday night.

RIGHT BRISKLY

Has the Social Wheel Been Turning This Week.

A DELIGHTFUL RECEPTION

Given by Mrs. E. M. Gooding yesterday afternoon—Another New Social Club Formed—Many Important Social Events During the Week.

A new party of pleasure seekers, as yet unnamed, met last evening at the home of Miss Carrie Cross and enjoyed an evening at whist. The names enrolled on the club's list are Misses Beattie Reichelderfer, Harriet McCoy, Edna Burton, Florence Frey and Carrie Cross, and their guests last evening were Miss Nettie Shreeve and Messrs. Charles Hoover, Earl Bressler, Walter Morris, Warren Melly, Orrie Clutter and Warren McLaughlin.

Sunday at 1 o'clock Henry Lichtenstader gave an elaborate dinner at King's to his employees and their wives—Mr and Mrs Beattie, Mr and Mrs Neff, Mr and Mrs Moch, Mr and Mrs Thomas Parker.

Monday afternoon Misses Alma Burge and Charlotte Lones gave a pleasant five o'clock tea at the home of the latter. One of the happy features of the evening was a game of hidden names of celebrated people, each person being expected to put on her thinking cap and discover the names from such famous ones as "For Every Woman," Frances E. Willard, "Has Greenbacks," Betty Green, down to the last on the list, "Come Linger," which proved to be the name of their hostess, Charlotte Lones.

Mrs E. M. Gooding was "at home" to a large number of friends yesterday afternoon, receiving in honor of her sister, Mrs Harrison, of McKeesport. The ladies who gracefully assisted the hostess in making everyone welcome were Mrs F J Banta, Mrs F. G. Borges, Mrs Ralph Warrar, Mrs A. McLaughlin and Misses Nellie and Cora Holland. The house was beautifully decorated with roses, smilax palms and ferns. The dining room was all in yellow and white, numerous tall candelabra holding yellow and white candles to light the table, which was covered with ferns, over which were scattered yellow and white roses. The two dainty courses were served by deft waiters and each guest given a choice carnation as a souvenir of the occasion. During the afternoon the Manhattan Mandolin Club furnished delightful music.

This evening Mr. and Mrs Frederick Seymour are entertaining Judge Mackenzie, the Misses Mackenzie, Mrs Oliver Finch, Mr and Mrs Win Mackenzie, Mrs Eugene Mackenzie and daughter, at a 6 o'clock dinner, for the sake of auld lang syne, as all are friends tried and true.

Last evening the pretty home of Amos Young, of west Spring street, was brilliantly lighted and a large number of young people, the guests of Miss Mabel Young, had an evening of fun and feasting, music, games and everything necessary for their enjoyment being provided.

Miss Gail Bates, of south West street, will entertain the busy workers of the St. Marys Chapter of Christ church, to morrow afternoon at two. Mrs. Oliver Finch and Mrs. Beattie McConnell and Miss Gladys McConnell, who have been the guests of Judge Mackenzie and daughters for the past two months, will, on Saturday morning, return to their home in Ocala, Florida, accompanied by Miss Helen Mackenzie, of North Baltimore, who will spend the winter with them.

The members of the Spinnet Club have a meeting this afternoon at the home of Mrs Ed DuGray, of north Main street, where they will enjoy a dainty luncheon just as "blind man's" holiday comes on.

Mrs Jennie Hill, of west Market street, recently assisted in receiving at a handsome reception given by her friends in Upper Sandusky.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Knights of St. John are to have a humorous concert at St. Rose's parochial school house this evening, which promises to be an entertainment that everyone can enjoy.

Miss Charlotte Lones, of west North street, has invited a number of her friends to her home for an afternoon of pleasure on Saturday. The word "thimbles" indicating that each may bring her work and not lose one minute from her precious sewing.

Mrs. J. C. Ross, of south Elk street, has returned from a pleasant visit with Toledo friends.

The Industrial Club entertained their husbands at a six o'clock dinner last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Beattie, of west Spring street. Two large tables were spread in the dining room and sitting room and covers were placed at each for twelve and the menu cards on the covers of the menu cards contained such sentiments as these:

"Put business and shopping and books away. Have a good time, with 'It is not Thanksgiving Day'."

The guests of the club were Mr. George Floyd, of Sagertown, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Douglass, and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Kiplinger.

The decorations were in yellow with dainty ferns laid carefully about under lamps and dishes for doilies.

Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Stump, of corner of North and Pine streets, celebrated the seventeenth anniversary of their marriage by inviting in fifteen congenial friends to take part in a game of pedro. All enjoyed the pastebords until a late hour, when ice cream, cake and fruit were served. All left wishing their years of prosperity and happiness.

Mrs. Shamk, of west Spring street, entertains the ladies of the Industrial Circle at her home this afternoon, each one taking her needlework.

Mrs. John Hoover and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Clutter left for a short visit in Cincinnati to day.

Mrs. R. D. Ebersole, of north Pierce street, is in Wapakoneta attending a missionary meeting of the Methodist church.

Mrs. George Floyd, of Sagertown, Pa., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Andrews, of west Market street.

The following invitations were issued this morning and will start the gaieties for next week:

Thimble
Mrs Chauncey E. Larkin
at home
Tuesday, December fourteenth.

Three o'clock
Mrs. Owen Francis' company on Saturday evening for Mrs. Sampson was a happy little affair, three tables being filled with card players and after several rounds at these a dainty supper was enjoyed.

"HELLO, HELLO."

A Popular Lady Telephone Operator Gets a "Ring."

Miss Alice Duddy to Become the Bride of Mr. Lemuel Risley, of Waverly, O.

Miss Alice Duddy, who has been chief operator in the local office of the Central Union Telephone Co. for the past eight years, has resigned, and will in the near future become the bride of Mr. Lemuel Risley, of Waverly, O., a brother of C. W. Risley, of this city.

Miss Duddy's always pleasant "hello" and "number, please" will be missed by the patrons of the Central Union. She was an efficient and an obliging operator and Mr. Risley has the congratulations of her hosts of friends for his excellent choice and good fortune in securing so estimable a partner for life.

TEN AND COSTS.

Frank Bushey Was Fined for Cruelty to Horses.

Last evening justice J. W. Mowen imposed a fine of \$10 and costs upon Frank Bushey, the hack driver, who was arrested upon, and pleaded guilty to, a charge of cruelty to horses. The arrest of Bushey was caused by members of the Humane Society.

Saturday Night

We will make the drawing that will decide who will get the dishes and lamps.

Remember, a chance with every 25c purchase. We still have many very fine things for Xmas. Get your numbers before Saturday.

NEWSON, DEARIN & CO.

FOR \$1.24 you can get a genuine Mahogany Table with fancy inlaid woods, at F. E. Harman's to-day.



Christmas . . . Rings.

Christmas Watches, Christmas novelties, Christmas everything in the line of Jewels. Just the stock to feast your eyes on and from which to pick out the something that will make a pleasing gift. And the cost will not prevent anyone buying. Such little prices for such big values were never before seen or heard of. Santa Claus can afford to be liberal this year.

Adolph Fox.

224 N. Main St.

A SUCCESS FINANCIALLY

Was the Meeting of the Northwestern Ohio Teachers.

The Committee Grateful to the Citizens Teachers and the Press for Courtesies Extended.

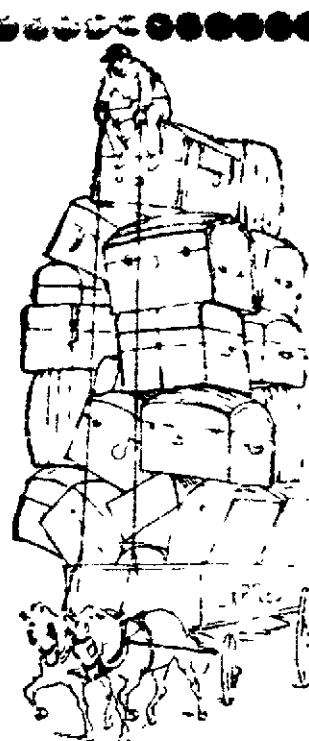
The following are the receipts and expenditures of the meeting of the Northwestern Ohio Teachers' Association at this place November 26th and 27th. Total receipts, \$431.80, and the total expenditures were \$380.25, leaving a balance of \$51.55 to be turned over to the treasurer-elect, Supt. Arthur Powell, of Marion, Ohio.

There were 523 teachers who paid the membership fee, the amount received from this source being \$155.50. The receipts from the sale of tickets for the Ridpath lecture were \$276.30. The local committee who had the affair in charge have expressed themselves as feeling very grateful to the TIMES DEMOCRAT, the teachers of the city and citizens for courtesies extended and assistance rendered in making the meeting a successful one.

DOVER, N. H., Oct. 31, 1896
MESSRS. ELY, BROS.—The Balm reached me safely and in so short time the effect is surprising. My son says the first application gave decided relief. I have a sheaf filled with "Catarrh Cures." To-morrow the store will receive them and Ely's Cream Balm will reign supreme. Respectfully,
MRS. FRANKLIN FREEMAN.

Cream Balm is kept by all drug stores. Full size 50c. Trial size 10c. We mail it. ELY BROS., 56 Warren St. N. Y. City.

Treat's stock of Plain and Fancy Ribbons will please you. Buy now. 26c



Every Train, Express or Freight, Brings Holiday Presents to

Michael's
CLOTHING AND
SHOE HOUSE

COAL

—CALL ON THE—
LIMA ICE AND COAL CO.

FOR COAL
JACKSON COAL.

Phones 164 or 451

Treat's Kid Glove stock is right. Every pair warranted. Buy now. 26c

Go to Basinger & Cameron for 75c alarm clocks. 12 11

LADIES' WATERPROOF SHOES!



Our Ladies' Shoes

Introduced by us last season, which keep the feet dry and warm without the use of rubbers, have proved a success. We want to sell them to every

one requiring absolutely dry feet, and they will prove healthful as well.

THEY COME IN ALL THE NEW SHAPES!

All sizes, and widths. Just the shoe you want to protect your feet. One pair will convince you. They cost \$3.00 and \$3.50. See them at

GOODING'S,

230 NORTH MAIN STREET.

NOTE:—Accept no imitations.

annexed, of the estate of John L. Ashton, late of Allen county, Ohio, dated this 15th day of November, 1887.

Metellus Thomson

DRY GOODS CO.,

233-235 North Main St.
LIMA, OHIO.

During the Month of December We Will Sell Fine Millinery at One-Half Price.

A magnificent stock of Trimmed Hats, comprising the newest ideas of the hat world, will all be sold at one-half the former prices to quickly close them out.

Special Sale of High Class Dress Goods for Holiday Presents.

All 75 cent Novelty Dress Goods have been reduced to 50 cents.
All \$1.00 Novelty Suitings reduced to 75 cents.
All \$1.25 Imported Novelty Dress Suitings reduced to 98 cents.

Silks for Christmas Time.

They're Silks for now—Silks for gifts—and what gift is more acceptable, prettier or gives more real pleasure than Silk for a gown or waist. Our assortment of Silks was never better—every color, every style, every weave, every design and every quality that bears the stamp of beauty and fashion—we only mention a few low prices to show what great silk bargains we have in store for you.

Fancy Silks for 25 cents.

Fancy Silks for 35 cents. Clean, crisp qualities.

Roman stripes for 50c a yard. Bright, beautiful colorings.

Black Brocade Silks—all Silk—50c a yard.

Black Brocade Silks—all Silk and 24 inches wide—75 cents a yard.

Plaid Silks—a real rare gathering for \$1.00 a yard.

Our entire Silk stock consists of all the latest weaves. New colored Brocade Silks on changeable grounds.

Two Toned Brocade. Roman Striped Taffetas. Plain and changeable Taffetas in all the latest colorings. New Black Silks—such as Pans de Soie, Armure Royal, Satin Rhodame, Faille Francaise, Plain Gros Grain, etc.

Gloves.

The best that the leading manufacturers can produce is in evidence in our glove department, and economical buyers who look around before they purchase and not after, are being benefited. Is it not a great satisfaction to buy gloves where you pay for the value you get and no more? Don't it make you feel better than to pay two dollars and get about one dollar's worth of wear? Don't you like to buy gloves that are guaranteed to give an extra amount of service and satisfaction whether they cost fifty cents or double that amount? Such gloves are our gloves. We sell them at a reasonable profit, and each and every pair sold has the guarantee of good quality behind them to give all the wear claimed for them, to be worth every cent for which they are sold, and to represent the latest daintiest, and best approved styles attainable.

Ladies' Empire Kid Gloves—all the new shades, equal to any \$1.25 Kid Glove sold in Lima, for 98 cents. Two clasps, handsomely embroidered, every pair guaranteed.

Ladies' Guantlet Kid Gloves for driving and bicycling. Ladies' Pique Kid Gloves for shopping and street wear. Ladies' Mitts and Children's Kid Mittens all at the old price. Bought without the new tariff charges, and provided for the customers of THE METELLUS THOMSON DRY GOODS CO., at less than the lowest price ever named.

Ladies' Fine Kid Counters for 50 cents.

Ladies' Kid Mittens for 50 cents.

Misses' Fine Kid Counters for 50 cents.

Infants' and Children's Fine, Fur Topped Kid Mittens at Low Prices.

See our unusual Glove values for Christmas time.

We have put in a nice, new stock of Rugs for the Holiday days.

Just come and see the Rugs, 5 feet long 2 1/2 feet wide that we offer for \$1.60.

You never saw as good a Rug for \$2.50.

Lots of Rugs and many different prices, and cheap—cheaper than you have bought them before. But they are not cheap looking Rugs. Neatness and prettiness are characteristic of the styles and patterns displayed. Some of them large enough to cover the floor of a good sized room.

Metellus Thomson's New Store,

STUTTERING TOM

Captured by Capt. Bell and Detective Roney To-day.

WANTED SEVERAL MONTHS

On Suspicion of Having Stolen a Team of Horses From John A. Herron, of West Market Street—Other Police News

About 10 o'clock this morning, chief of police Capt. Bell and detective Roney captured a man whose trail they have been following over northwestern Ohio and eastern Indiana for several months. The individual is known among the police only by the suggestive title of "Stuttering Tom," he having gained the cognomen by reason of his almost painful manner of speaking. His real name is said to be Johnson Garrett and his principal occupation is roaming about the country with horses and wagons, trading horses and engaging in other business of that nature.

TEAM OF HORSES STOLEN.

Early last spring a team of horses that belonged to John A. Herron, of 1307 West Market street, was stolen. The horses had been tethered on the commons near Mr. Herron's home and one night they disappeared. Stuttering Tom disappeared about the same time and a few days later one of the missing horses was found in possession of a man who claimed to have traded another animal to a man answering Garrett's description, for Mr. Herron's horse. Detective Roney got trace of Garrett and by correspondence with the authorities at various places followed him over the country for several months. A few days ago the police learned that the suspected man had returned to this city and was staying at the home of Jas. Carter, on North street west of Cole.

This morning detective Roney and captain Bell drove to the Carter residence and arrived just in time to catch Garrett in the act of leaving with a horse and buggy. They placed him under arrest and he is now a prisoner at the police station. Mr. Herron has been notified and he will probably cause the prisoner to be arraigned in one of the justice's courts.

WARNING.

Beware of Stencil Goods.

There have been some pianos sold here by local dealers. Any Chicago paper will tell you that the Stencil pianos, where they are made, can be bought for \$90. What we mean by Stencil pianos: There is no name on the plate showing where they are manufactured and nothing to back them up, if they warp or split, which they always do. Before purchasing a piano know what you are buying. Get a standard make. The John Church Company is well known and is reliable. Also the Geo. Steck & Co., of New York. We have sold almost 1,000 Everett pianos in Northwestern Ohio since 1885 and about 600 Harvards and 360 Stecks, and they give entire satisfaction. Therefore you had better pay a little more and consider well before you purchase an instrument and get a good piano that has a warranty back of it for seven years against any defect, which the above instruments have with them. Many persons have called and stated that they were sorry they purchased a cheap piano. Purchase your piano from the old reliable firm, B. S. Porter & Son, and you will not make a mistake. 141 south Main street, Lima, O., and 205 north Main street, Findlay, O.

LOCAL NEWS ON FIVE PAGES.

The third page of each edition of the Times-Democrat contains a large amount of fresh, spicy local news. The demand made upon the advertising columns of this popular newspaper makes it impossible to crowd upon less than five pages all the local news that we carry each night. So do not neglect to look all over the paper to get all we give you. Local news to-day will be found on 1st, 3d, 4th, 5th and 8th pages.

Coupon Books

It has been reported to us that the young ladies canvassing the city for the sale of Dr. Talmage's works, etc., on the coupon book plan, state that there is no limit to the time in which the coupon must be used. These coupons will be good at our store until Feb. 13th only, and not later, and our contract with the publishers require canvassers to no state.

CARROLL & COONEY.

DAYS OF MOHAMMED.

\$1,000 prize story, companion to TITON. 5c for \$1.50 book. Come early and avoid the rush.

DOWNARD & SON.

A Fine

Wicker Rocker for \$2.98 at F. E. Harman's to-day.

PETTY LARCENY

The Verdict Found Against John Bright.

LARGE CROWD ATTRACTED

By the Case Against Benjamin Watson—J. B. Stemen Files His Bond—Several Sheep Claims Allowed by the Commissioners.

John Bright, who was on trial Monday and Tuesday, charged with burglarizing a stable and carrying away a set of harness, felt relieved late yesterday afternoon when the jury returned a verdict of petit larceny and placed the value of the amount stolen at \$4.75. One of the principal questions for the jury to decide was whether the property was taken after night or not. If it was after dark the charge would have been burglary. The evidence showed that the goods were stolen the latter part of June. The owners of the property stolen testified that he used a lantern on the evening the goods were stolen, to close the stable doors, about 7 o'clock. As the evenings at that time of the year would not be dark at 7 o'clock, the charge could not be placed as burglary.

ON A SERIOUS CHARGE.

The case of Benjamin Watson occupied the attention of the criminal court to-day. Watson is being tried on the serious charge of assault with intent to commit rape. He is being defended by Jason Lamson, who is earnestly endeavoring to clear his client. But few witnesses were examined by the prosecution, but several witnesses gave testimony for the defense. The case will probably occupy the attention of the court the entire day.

BECOMING ACQUAINTED.

Sheriff-elect Bogart was in the city yesterday afternoon and spent the greater part of his time at the court house becoming acquainted with the duties which will devolve upon him after the first day of January, 1897.

CIRCUIT COURT.

The circuit court is in session this week at Findlay.

U. S. CIRCUIT COURT.

The United States circuit court for this district opened yesterday at Toledo. Judge Hicks is presiding. The judge's health does not appear to be much more improved than it was a year ago. He is afflicted with the creeping paralysis.

BOND FILED.

The official bond of I. B. Stemen, infirmity director-elect, was filed in the sum of \$5,000, with R. E. Jones and N. L. Michael as sureties.

SHEEP CLAIMS.

The county commissioners yesterday allowed the following persons claims for sheep which had been killed or injured by dogs: J. H. Berryman, of Shawnee township, \$190; O. B. Stone, Spencer township, \$15; Henry Bressler, Bath township, \$6.50; N. M. Lauck, German township, \$50.50; T. J. Watkins, Sugar Creek township, \$16.50; J. A. Wolford, Spencer township, \$22; Samuel Savidge, Spencer township, \$36.75; D. L. Bechtel, German township, \$5.75; S. S. Diller, German township, \$11.75; H. Tremont, German township, \$15; John D. Evans, Marlon township, \$10; D. Everett, Monroe township, \$4; S. H. Vore, Bath township, \$8; Jacob Sprengle, Auglaize township, \$13.

TO PAY DEBTS.

Amos L. Harpster, administrator of Daniel Bowsher, deceased, against Clarence Bowsher and other minors and Mary E. Bowsher, widow of the deceased, filed a petition in the common pleas court to sell property to pay debts.

W. T. Copeland, assignee of James W. Sanders, insolvent, to-day filed his papers of inventory and appraisal.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

I. H. P. Wagner to Jacob Kundert, lots 476 and 477 in Wagner's addition to Delphos; \$250.

Treat's Kid and Wool Mittens are very good.

26t Buy now.

TALES OF THE TOWN.

Mrs. D. D. Thomas, of near West Cairo, is taking asthepne treatment from Dr. Ward.

Mrs. Hannah Stewart, of 340 south Central avenue, is dangerously ill, and it is feared cannot survive her present illness.

The youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. McKibben, of east Market street, while playing in the yard was thrown down and seriously hurt.

Dr. Burton was summoned and found that the child had broken his collar bone and dislocated his shoulder. He is resting easy.

HAVILAND CHINA. Just as a leader we will sell to-day a few handsome decorated plates of Haviland China at 28c, and pretty tea cups and saucers to match at 33c. Only a few in stock.

F. E. HARMAN.

Go to Shutt's markets for fresh hams, only 7 cents a pound.

5-25

THE ELK LODGE

To Give an Entertainment for the Benefit of the Hospital.

WARD COMMITTEES MEET

With the Directors and Report But Little Work Done—First Ward Comes to the Front—Time of Payment to be Extended.

The trustees of the proposed new hospital and the chairman of the different ward soliciting committees were called to meet last evening in the assembly room at the court house. It was desired very much that a full attendance be had so that a report could be received from every ward in the city. The attendance was not large and reports of work having been done were received but from one ward and that one was the First, which is always quick to respond to every request for assistance when made for any object that is intended to benefit or be of any value to the city or its people. The city is undoubtedly badly in need of a hospital and the trustees are extremely anxious that the people take more interest in the establishment of such an institution in the city. Another city of the size and prominence of Lima can scarcely be found that does not possess a hospital, and no other city with the same population as Lima can be found that is more in need of a hospital than Lima. The large number of railroads and the large number of men working both on the trains and in the shops, the large numbers in factories and mills and men employed in the various oil industries call for such an institution. Reports were received from only four wards, and only the first report was worthy of mention.

Mr. Shannahan and Mr. Foley had canvassed part of the First ward and had succeeded in raising \$124, but was confident that three or four times that amount could be raised should the remainder of this committee make the necessary efforts.

At the last meeting Mr. Baxter and Mr. Richie were appointed a committee to request the Elk lodge to give an entertainment for the benefit of the hospital. The committee presented the matter to the Elk lodge, which consented to so aid the proposed institution. The secretary read a letter which had been received from H. D. Campbell, exalted ruler and secretary of the local lodge of B. P. O. E.

Mr. S. S. Wheeler moved that the letter, which was as follows, be printed in the local papers:

LIMA, O., Dec. 3, 1897.

Hons. W. B. Richie and F. E. Harman: GENTLEMEN:—Your communication soliciting Lima Lodge B. P. O. E. to give an entertainment for the benefit of the hospital fund was read at our meeting last evening before a large attendance of representative members. The subject was thoroughly discussed and every word spoken was enthusiastically in favor of the undertaking. By a unanimous rising vote the invitation was accepted and the exalted ruler was instructed to appoint a committee to begin at once on a plan for the benefit.

In deciding to give this entertainment, we fully realize the amount of work it will necessitate, yet to refuse your request would be to abandon the cardinal principles of our order which teach charity, justice, brotherly love and fidelity to all mankind. Lima Elks to a member are united in this undertaking. We feel the great necessity of a place where the halt, the lame and the blind, without regard to creed or nationality, can be taken in and their burdens lightened. There is nothing that could command more our hearty support than the institution that is proposed.

We thank you for the honor you have conferred upon us and we give you the assurance that our best efforts will be exerted in making this one of the grandest entertainments ever given in Lima.

Yours in charity, justice, brotherly love and fidelity

H. D. CAMPBELL, F. R.

H. K. FREDERICKS, Sec'y.

The soliciting committee had been requesting that subscriptions be paid by January 1st, but Messrs. Baxter, Shannahan and others thought this time too short and a motion prevailed extending the time to February 20th.

The attendance was small, yet all the directors and ward committees present were enthusiastic, and in no wise discouraged over the present outlook.

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About sixty persons had gathered before Clifford was aware of what was occurring. He said it was not fair, that they should have told him before hand, but he soon realized the joke. About a dozen of his school mates, from his former home, down about Honey Run, were there to enjoy the fun, and the fun was plenty. At 10 o'clock a beautiful supper was

served, after which they all had a lively time and kept up the fun until the early hour of 2 o'clock, and then the parking came, each one wishing Clifford many happy birthdays.

D. W. C.

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